



DKE 9008.2
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Steven M. Shei
Serial No. 10/611,295
Filed July 1, 2003
For FOOD WARMING APPARATUS AND METHOD

September 22, 2003

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

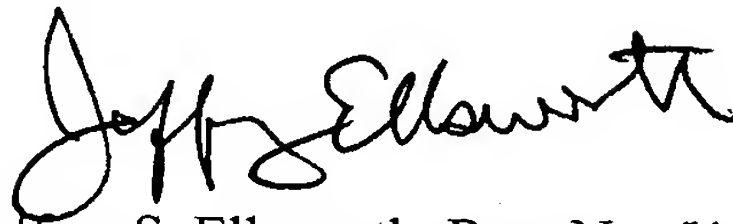
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

* In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609, and in compliance with the
* duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant submits the attached PTO/SB/08A for
consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and to be
* made of record therein. Applicant hereby submits a copy of reference 32, which is a foreign
patent document, but does not submit copies of references 1-31, which are U.S. Patents, in
compliance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) by the Patent Office for all U.S. national
patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 (See *Legal Framework for the Use of the Electronic
Filing System*, 1263 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 60, 10/8/2002, Part V.).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)
in that applicants believe that it is being filed prior to the mailing date of the first Office action
on the merits. Accordingly, neither a statement nor fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or (d) is
required. However, if an Office action was issued prior to the date of mailing of this Information
Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees
regarding this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

DKE 9008.2
PATENT

Respectfully submitted,

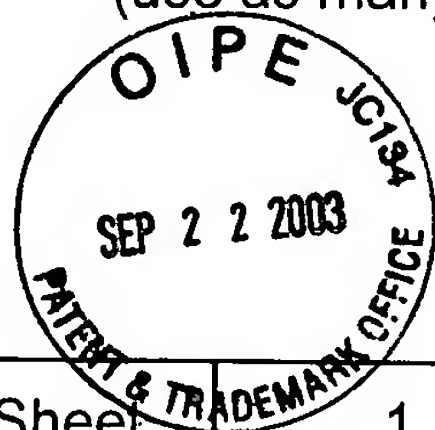
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ellsworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Ellsworth" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey S. Ellsworth, Reg. No. 51,650
SENNIGER, POWERS, LEAVITT & ROEDEL
One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 231-5400

JSE/kll

Express Mail Label No. EV 272755369 US

PTO/SB/08A		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/611,295
		Filing Date	July 1, 2003
		Confirmation Number	not yet assigned
		First Named Inventor	Shei
		Group Art Unit	not yet assigned
		Examiner Name	not yet assigned
		Attorney Docket No.	DKE 9008.2
Sheet 1 of 2			




U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
	1	466,416		Hunt	01-05-1892
	2	804,110		Favorite et al.	11-07-1905
	3	2,076,091		O'Neill	04-06-1937
	4	2,964,609		Anoff	12-13-1960
	5	3,051,582		Muckler et al.	08-28-1962
	6	3,313,917		Ditzler et al.	04-11-1967
	7	3,353,885		Tompkins	11-21-1967
	8	3,353,886		Tompkins	11-21-1967
	9	3,681,568		Schaefer	08-01-1972
	10	3,751,629		Eisler	08-07-1973
	11	3,752,640		Schneider	08-14-1973
	12	3,908,749		Williams	09-30-1975
	13	4,024,377		Henke	05-17-1977
	14	4,110,587		Souder, Jr. et al.	08-29-1978
	15	4,198,559		Walter et al.	04-15-1980
	16	4,235,282		Filippis et al.	11-25-1980
Examiner Signature				Date Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached or place an "A" here if English language abstract is attached..

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO/SB/08A INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/611,295
				Filing Date	July 1, 2003
				Confirmation Number	not yet assigned
				First Named Inventor	Shei
				Group Art Unit	not yet assigned
				Examiner Name	not yet assigned
Sheet 2	of	2	Attorney Docket No.		DKE 9008.2

	17	4,784,054		Karos et al.	11-15-1988
	18	4,967,995		Burgess	11-06-1990
	19	5,188,020		Buchnag	02-23-1993
	20	5,235,903		Tippmann	08-17-1993
	21	5,365,038		Mitsugu	11-15-1994
	22	5,496,987		Siccardi et al.	03-05-1996
	23	5,653,905		McKinney	08-05-1997
	24	5,724,886		Ewald et al.	03-10-1998
	25	5,783,803		Robards, Jr.	07-21-1998
	26	5,852,967		Fortmann et al.	12-29-1998
	27	5,900,173		Robards, Jr.	05-04-1999
	28	5,947,012		Ewald et al.	09-07-1999
	29	6,031,208		Witt et al.	02-29-2000
	30	6,175,099	B1	Shei et al.	01-16-2001
	31	6,262,394	B1	Shei et al.	07-17-2001

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	T ⁶
		Office	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)			
	32	GB	829729		Fry	03-09-1960	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached or place an "A" here if English language abstract is attached..

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.